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A Stateſwoman is as ridiculous a Creature as a Cott-Quean. Each of the Sexes ſhould keep within its particular Bounds, and content themſelves to excel within their reſpective Diſtricts. When *Venus* complained to *Jupiter* of the wound which ſhe had received in Battel, the Father of the Gods ſmiled upon her, and put her in mind, that inſtead of mixing in a War, which was not her Buſineſs, ſhe ſhould have been officiating in her proper Miniſtry, and carrying on the Delights of Marriage. The Delicacy of ſeveral modern Criticks has been offended with *Homer's Billingſgate* Warriors; but a ſcolding Heroe is, at the worſt, a more tolerable Character than a Bully in Petticoats. To which we may add, that the keeneſt Satyriſt, among the Antients, looked upon nothing as a more proper Subject of Raillery and Invective, than a Female Gladiator.

I am the more diſpoſed to take into Conſideration theſe Ladies of Fire and Politicks, becauſe it would be very monſtrous to ſee Feuds and Animoſities kept up among the ſoft Sex, when they are in ſo hopeful a Way of being compoſed among the Men, by the Septennial Bill, which is now ready for the Royal Aſſent. As this is likely to produce a Ceſſation of Arms, till the Expiration of the preſent Parliament, among one half of our Iſland, it is very reaſonable that the more beautiful Moiety of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhould eſtabliſh a Truce among themſelves for the ſame Term of Years. Or rather it were to be wiſhed, that they would ſummon together a kind of Senate, or Parliament of the faireſt and wiſeſt of our Siſter Subjects, in order to enact a perpetual Neutrality among the Sex. They might at leaſt appoint ſomething like a Committee, choſen from among the Ladies reſiding in *London* and *Weſtminſter*, in order to prepare a Bill to be laid before the Aſſembly upon the firſt Opportunity of their Meeting. The Regulation might be as follows:

'That a Committee of Toaſts be forthwith 'appointed; to conſider the preſent State of the 'Sex in the *Britiſh* Nation.

'That this Committee do meet at the Houſe 'of every reſpective Member of it on her Vi- 'ſiting-Day; and that every one who comes to 'it ſhall have a Vote, and a Diſh of Tea.

'That the Committee be empowered to ſend 'for Billets-doux, Libels, Lampoons, Liſts of 'Toaſts, or any other the like Papers and Re- 'cords.

'That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Com- 'mittee, to conſider of proper Ways and Me- 'thods

'thods to reclaim the obſtinately Opprobrious 'and Virulent; and how to make the Ducking-'Stool more uſeful.

Being always willing to contribute my Aſſiſtances to my Countrey-women, I would propoſe a Preamble, ſetting forth, 'That the late 'Civil War among the Sex has tended very 'much to the Leſſening of that antient and 'undoubted Authority, which they have claim-'ed over the Male Part of the Iſland; to the 'Ruin of good Houſwifery; and to the Betray-'ing of many important Secrets: That it has 'produced much Bitterneſs of Speech, many 'ſharp and violent Conteſts, and a great Effu-'ſion of Citron-Water: That it has raiſed Ani-'moſities in their Hearts, and Heats in their 'Faces: That it has broke out in their Rib-'bons, and cauſed unſpeakable Confuſions in 'their Dreſs: And above all, That it has intro-'duced a certain Frown into the Features, and 'a Soureneſs into the Air of our *Britiſh* Ladies, 'to the great Damage of their Charms, and vi-'ſible Decay of the National Beauty.

As for the enacting Part of the Bill, it may conſiſt of many Particulars, which will naturally ariſe from the Debates of the Tea-Table; and muſt, therefore, be left to the Diſcretion and Experience of the Committee. Perhaps it might not be amiſs to enact, among other Things,

'That the Diſcourſing on Politicks ſhall be 'looked upon as dull as Talking on the Wea-'ther.

'That if any Man troubles a Female Aſſem-'bly with Parliament-News, he ſhall be mark-'ed out as a Blockhead, or an Incendiary.

'That no Woman ſhall henceforth preſume 'to ſtick a Patch upon her Forehead, unleſs it 'be in the very middle, that is, in the neutral 'part of it.

'That all Fans and Snuff-Boxes, of what 'Principles ſoever, ſhall be called in: And that 'Orders be given to *Motteux* and *Mathers*, to 'deliver out, in exchange for them, ſuch as have 'no Tincture of Party in them.

'That when any Lady beſpeaks a Play, ſhe 'ſhall take effectual Care, that the Audience 'be pretty equally checquered with *Whigs* and '*Tories*.

'That no Woman of any Party preſume to 'influence the Legiſlature.

'That there be a general Amneſty and Obli-'vion of all former Hoſtilities and Diſtinctions, 'all publick and private Failings on either ſide: 'And that every one who comes into this Neu-'trality within the Space of Weeks, 'ſhall be allowed an Ell extraordinary, above 'the preſent Standard, in the Circumference 'of her Petticoat.

'Provided always nevertheleſs, That nothing 'herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued 'to extend, to any Perſon or Perſons, Inhabit-'ing and Practiſing within the Hundreds of '*Drury*, or to any other of that Society in what 'Part ſoever of the Nation in like manner Pra-'ctiſing and Reſiding; who are ſtill at liberty 'to Rail, Calumniate, Scold, Frown and Pout, 'as in afore-times, any thing in this Act to the 'contrary notwithſtanding.